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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Financial Services was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Forlini, Pettalia, Callton, Graves, Lucido, Theis, Yanez, Clemente, Gay-Dagnogo, Love.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Pettalia moved to adopt the minutes of April 22, 2015. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Forlini laid the committee at ease, the time being 10:34 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Pettalia took the gavel and called the committee back to order, the time being 10:35 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Pettalia laid the following bills before the committee:

- HB 4541 (Forlini) Individual income tax; other; cap on Michigan education savings accounts; increase.
- HB 4542 (Forlini) Individual income tax; other; Michigan achieving a better life experience (ABLE) program; create.
- HB 4543 (Forlini) Individual income tax; deductions; contributions to the ABLE savings program; provide for.
- HB 4544 (Jenkins) Human services; services or financial assistance; financial eligibility for certain assistance programs; prohibit state from considering amount in ABLE savings accounts.

Chairman Forlini gave an overview of the bills.

Vice-Chairman Pettalia laid the committee at ease, the time being 10:40 a.m.

Chairman Forlini returned to the gavel and called the committee back to order, the time being 10:41 a.m.

Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Jenkins, Scott Whitehouse from the Hope Community Center and Dustin Krasny from Congressman Tim Walberg's office testified in support of the bill package. Questions and discussion followed.

Julie Jenson, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, came forward to answer questions on the bill package.

Kathy Wochaski, representing herself as a constituent and parent of a disabled child, testified in support of the bills.

Dohn Hoyle, representing The Arc Michigan, testified in support of the bill package.

Traci Lambert, representing the National Down Syndrome Society and the Down Syndrome Association of North West Michigan, testified in support and submitted written testimony.

Cathy Dehlin, representing the National Down Syndrome Society, testified in support.

Lisa Espinoza, representing Autism Speaks, testified in support of the bills.

Christopher Smith, representing Chalgian and Tripp Law Offices, testified in support with suggested changes and submitted written testimony.

Phil Lombard, representing himself, testified in opposition to HB 4541.

The following individuals submitted cards on the bills but did not wish to speak:

Melissa Samuel, representing the Health Care Association of Michigan, support.

Amy Tripp, representing Chalgian and Tripp Law Offices, support.

Jim Dehen, representing the Community Living Services, support.

Derek Dalling, representing the National Association of Financial and Insurance Advisors, support.

Paul Palmer, representing himself, support.

Vendela Collins, representing the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council, support.

Christopher Rodriguez, representing the National Disability Institute, support with concern for HB 4542 and submitted written testimony.

Dennis Fox, representing the Central Michigan Regional Inclusive Community Coalition, support and submitted written testimony.

Sara Hart Weir, representing the National Down Syndrome Society, support and submitted written testimony.

Sara Grivetti, representing the Disability Network of Michigan, and Chris Simmons, representing the Statewide Independent Living Council, support and submitted joint written testimony.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:59 a.m.

Representative Anthony Forlini, Chair_____

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